GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Prohibition and Excise Department – Allegation of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal Conspiracy against Prohibition & Excise Officials, Nellore District for their involvement in Liquor Syndicate Case – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, P&E Inspector (Retd.) & 2 other P&E officials- Inquiry conducted - Inquiry report communicated to Charged Officer – Representation received – Show cause Notice issued – Representation received - APPSC concurrence obtained - Imposition of penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) of monthly pension for a period of four (4) years against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, P&E Inspector (Retd.) – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 138 **Dated: 10-03-2021**

Read the following:-

1. From the G, ACB, Hyd, Lr.Cr.No..23/RCO-NNL/2012, dt.12.10.2012. (Cr.No.2/RCO-NLR)/2012 of ACB, Nellore Range, Nellore)
2. Govt. Memo.No.46420/Vig.V(2)/2012-3, dt.16.01.2013.
3. From DG, ACB Lr Rc.No.23/RCO-NNL/2012, Dt.29.04.2013.
4. Govt Memos No.46420/Vig.V(2)/2012-5&6, dated 03.06.2013 & 20.08.2013 of Rev (Vig.V) Dept.
5. Proceedings in Rc.No.341/2015/A1, Dt.06.10.2015 of Dy.Commr of P&E, Guntur.
6. WSD dated 29.12.2016 of Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, P&E Inspector (Retd.).
7. G.O.Rt.No.259 Rev (Vig.IV) Dept, date 07.03.2017.
8. G.O.Rt.No.261 Rev (Vig.IV) Dept, date 07.03.2017.
9. Govt Memo No.46420/Vig.IV.2/2012, dated 20.04.2017.
10. From Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, IPS, Director of Enforcement, P&E, A.P., Vijayawada Inquiry Report in Lr.Rc.No.18/2017/DOEPeshi, Dt.07-05-2018.(Cr.No.18/2017/DOE-Peshi)
11. Govt.Memo.No.46420/Vig.IV.2/2012, dated 09.10.2018 of Rev(Vig.IV)Dept.
12. From Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, P&E Inspector (Retd.), representation, dated05.12.2018.
13. From Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, P&E Inspector (Retd.), representation, dated18.02.2020.
14. G.O.Rt.No.s 673 & 674, Revenue dept., dated 25.08.2020 & 08.07.2020.
15. Show cause notice in Govt.Memo.No.46420/Vig.IV.2/2012,dated 25.08.2020.
16. From Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, P&E Inspector (Retd.), written representation dt.12.10.2020.
17. Govt.Lr.No.46420/Vig.IV.2/2012, dt.11.12.2020 of Revenue dept.
18. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr.No.422/DC&C/2020, dated.27.01.2021.

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ORDER:

Whereas the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities have registered a case under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against certain Prohibition & Excise Officials of SPSR Nellore district on the allegations of criminal misconduct and corruption for their involvement in liquor syndicate case. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, in his final report in the reference.1st cited, has recommended for departmental proceedings against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) along with other Prohibition & Excise Officials.

2. And whereas, the Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise Department, Guntur has initiated disciplinary action by framing Articles of Charges against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) vide reference 5th read above. The charged officer Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) has submitted his written statement of defence.

3. Government, after examination of Written Statement of Defence, appointed Sri K.Venkateswara Rao, IPS, Director of Enforcement as Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) and two (2) other Prohibition & Excise Officials vide reference 7th read above. Sri N. Siva Kumar Reddy, Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Nellore was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf Disciplinary Authority before Inquiring Authority vide reference 8th read above.

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4. In the reference 10th read above, the Inquiring Authority has submitted the inquiry report. In respect of the charged officer Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired), the Inquiring Authority has reported that the charges framed against him are held **'proved'** in respect of Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired).

5. Government after careful examination of the matter have communicated inquiry report to Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired.) along with two other Prohibition & Excise Officials with a direction to submit his written representation, if any, with in 15 days from the date of receipt of copy of the Inquiry report in the reference 11th read above.

6. Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) has submitted his explanation and requested to drop further action in the matter vide reference 12th read above.

7. After examination of the matter, Government have decided provisionally to impose a penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) of monthly pension for a period of four (4) years against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) as the charge framed against him is held proved.

8. Accordingly, a show cause notice was issued to Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) with a direction to submit his representation if any to the Government in the matter in the reference 15th cited.

9. In the reference.16th cited, Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) has submitted a written representation and requested to drop further action against him in the matter.

10. In the reference 17th cited, Government requested the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission to obtain the concurrence of the Commission in the matter.

11. In the reference.18th cited, the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has informed that the commission agrees with the proposals of the Government i.e, to impose a penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) of monthly pension for a period of four (4) years against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired), Nellore dist and advised accordingly.

12. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby impose a penalty of withholding of five percent (5%) of monthly pension for a period of four (4) years against Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired), Nellore dist , under rule 9 of Andhra Pradesh Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

13. The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Andhra Pradesh, shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

RAJAT BHARGAVA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (CT, EXCISE & R&S)

To
Sri N.V.Vasantha Rao, Prohibition & Excise Inspector (Retired) through the Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER